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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR Section 1.131

I, Lewis Michael Popplewell, being duly sworn depose and say:

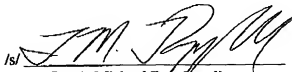
That I am the inventor for the above-identified patent application;

That I conceived in the United States the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to June 19, 2001, the filing date of Zerbe *et al.* U.S. Patent No. 6,660,292.

Attached Exhibit A is an IFF Invention Disclosure form (IFF), wherein the dates have been redacted. Exhibit A details the conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention prior to June 19, 2001, the filing date of Zerbe *et al.* U.S. Patent No. 6,660,292.

That Exhibit A, which relates to the aforementioned conception and actual reduction to practice, correspond to the invention broadly disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

/s/   
Lewis Michael Popplewell